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My name is Nami Matsuo. I'm a senior at Nagasaki Ryokunan High.

I'm a magic user who's never succeeded at casting a spell in her life.

I'd been doing my best forgetting about magic...

...and focusing on studies my last year of school...

...when a mysterious transfer student, Ryutaro Tominaga, appeared.

He slugged one of my classmates his first day--
just because someone took his picture.

He brushes me off by calling me "magic user" instead of "Nami."

Still...

...I want to know more about him.

Why he is as kind as he is cruel.

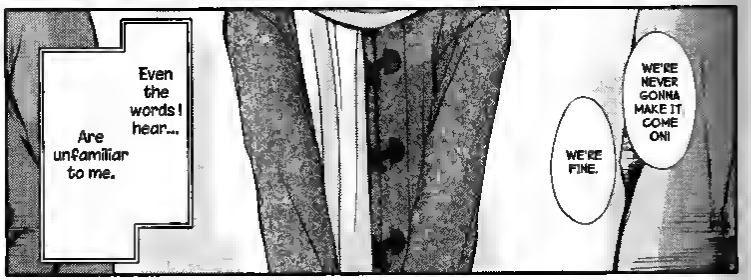
He has me spellbound.

But then, the day before summer break...

...he told me to never come near him again.

It was that day...

...I realized I was in love with him.



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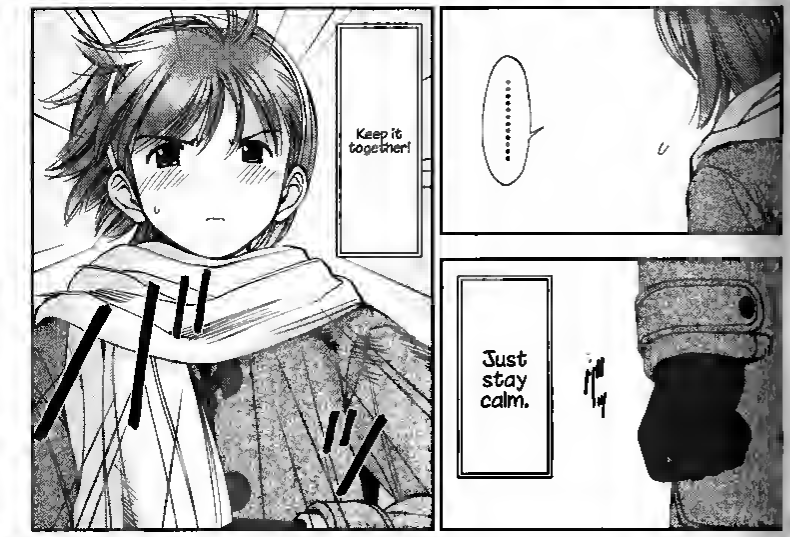

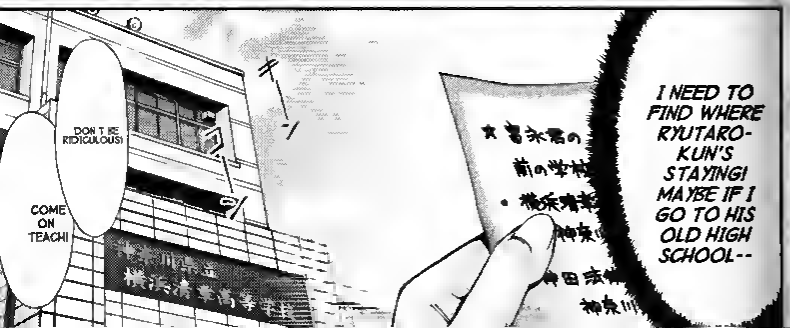

Step. 21: The Other Ryutaro

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I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT...
...RYUTARO TOMINAGA-SAN..
I-I'M SORRY BUT...

I... UH...
WHY? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HIM?

WHY CAN'T YOU PEOPLE LEAVE HIM ALONE! HE WASN'T EVEN INVOLVED!!!
DON'T YOU THINK HE'S SUFFERED ENOUGH?

職
IF HE HAS ANOTHER BAD YEAR, HE'LL BE FILLING POTHOLES.
YOU HAVE TO LET ICHIRO DO IT.
Teachers' Lounge
WOW! THAT'S HARSH. HE WAS YOUR STUDENT!
MAYBE HE SHOULD HAVE STUDIED A LITTLE HARDER, THEN.

UM... HI...
EXCUSE ME...

.....
OKAY... WHAT IF YOU AND I GO OUT SOMEWHERE AND... BOTH FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HELP HIM. ♡
ARE YOU ASKING ME OUT ON A DATE?

WNOA, WAIT A SEC. YOU'RE NOT RYU'S GIRLFRIEND FROM NAGASAKI, ARE YOU? HOLY CRAP!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO JUMP ON YOU LIKE THAT
Agh!!!
I-IT'S ALL RIGHT...

YOU MUST BE A REALLY GOOD FRIEND.
I MEAN... TO PROTECT HIM LIKE THAT.

HUH?
I... UH...
I'M ACTUALLY GLAD THAT YOU GOT THAT ANGRY.

HE GETS WEIRD ABOUT STUFF.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS BACK.
YEAH... AND I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHERE RYUTARO IS.

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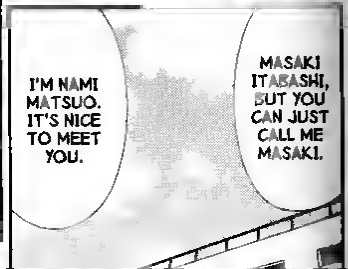
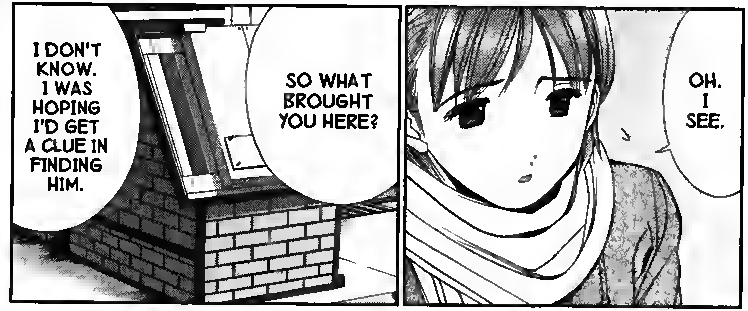

I'M NAMI MATSUO. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
MASAKI ITABASHI, BUT YOU CAN JUST CALL ME MASAKI.

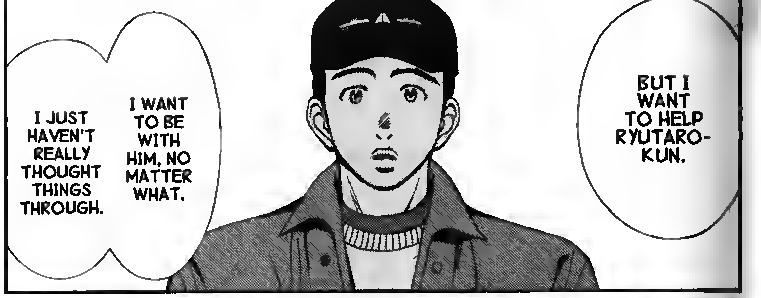
JUST GET LOST, ALL RIGHT!
BUT I...
THAT'S HOT
LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A HASEGAWA FAN, DOESN'T MAKE IT OKAY TO STALK THE GUY!
HUH? NO, I--

.....
ITABASHI-KUN! JUST HOLD ON A SECOND I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHY SHE'S HERE
I SAID GET LOST!!!
WE'RE NOT SELLING RYUTARO OUT! YOU GOT IT?!

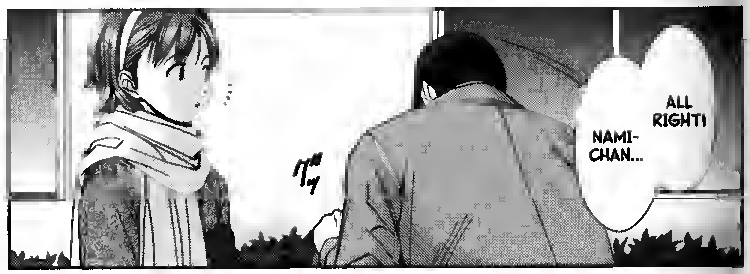
I'M SORRY!!!


I DON'T KNOW. I WAS HOPING I'D GET A CLUE IN FINDING HIM.
SO WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?
OH. I SEE.

I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN OUTSIDE OF NAGASAKI BEFORE.
IT'S ALL KIND OF UNCHARTED WATERS.
I'M JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS... OKAY, A LOT NERVOUS.
LOOK, I'M SORRY.
HUH. OKAY...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M DOING. I FLEW HERE IN A RUSH, AND...
I... UH...

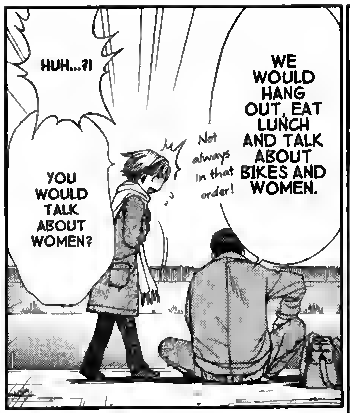

I JUST HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH.
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM, NO MATTER WHAT.
BUT I WANT TO HELP RYUTARO-KUN.

A GIRL ON HER OWN, IN A STRANGE PLACE...
I DON'T THINK I COULD HAVE DONE THAT!
YOU'RE AMAZ-ING.
WHAT?


NAMI-CHAN...
ALL RIGHT!

JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
WE'RE GONNA CHECK EVERY SINGLE PLACE HE MIGHT'VE GONE!

GREAT!
OKAY! THANK YOU!
AND THEN YOU'LL INTRODUCE ME TO SOME CUTE NAGASAKI GIRLS, RIGHT?


HUH...?!
WE WOULD HANG OUT, EAT LUNCH AND TALK ABOUT BIKES AND WOMEN.
Not always in that order!
YOU WOULD TALK ABOUT WOMEN?

I DON'T THINK HE'S HERE
WOW, SO THIS IS YOKOHAMA HARBOR...
BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL, THIS WAS OUR SECRET HIDEOUT!

BIG...
HA HA HA. YEAH, HE SAID HE HAD A CUTE CLASSMATE HE LIKED WITH REALLY BIG--

WHAT?
AREN'T YOU IN 3RD YEAR LIKE ME?
DID YOU JUST SAY "BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL?"

WAIT...

Togane Kakiya Diner

NUH... OH YEAH...
WAY BETTER THAN THE CAFETERIA.
THIS WAS OUR FAVORITE PLACE FOR SKIPPING SCHOOL.
HE MUST'VE LOVED THAT BIKE SHOP ON THE FIRST FLOOR.
HE'S NOT HERE EITHER.
YOU WANNA GRAB SOME LUNCH?
OKAY, YEAH.

AND I KNEW HE RAN FAST, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT A CLUB OR..
NEVER ATE THAT MUCH IN NAGASAKI. I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS SUCH A GOOD COOK.
I MEAN, RYUTARO-KUN...
I HAD NO IDEA..
WHERE HAS HE RUN OFF TO?
WHO IS THIS OTHER RYUTARO-KUN?
IT'S LIKE I'M...
...HEARING ABOUT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON.

ARE YOU NOT HUNGRY?
I MEAN HE HAD ON THE APRON... BANDANA... EVERYTHING
I REMEMBER THIS NOODLE DISH HE LOVED... HE DOWNED LIKE THREE PLATES OF IT... AND THEN HE WENT BACK IN THE KITCHEN AND STARTED MAKING HIS OWN
NO, NOT REALLY.
ANY OTHER INTERESTS BESIDES BIKES?
JUST CHOPPING AWAY.
HE LOOKED SO FUNNY WITH THAT KITCHEN KNIFE..
Ha ha ha.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO EAT MUCH.
NAMI-CHAN?
.....?
HE GOT THAT FROM HIS MOM. SHE WAS A GREAT COOK
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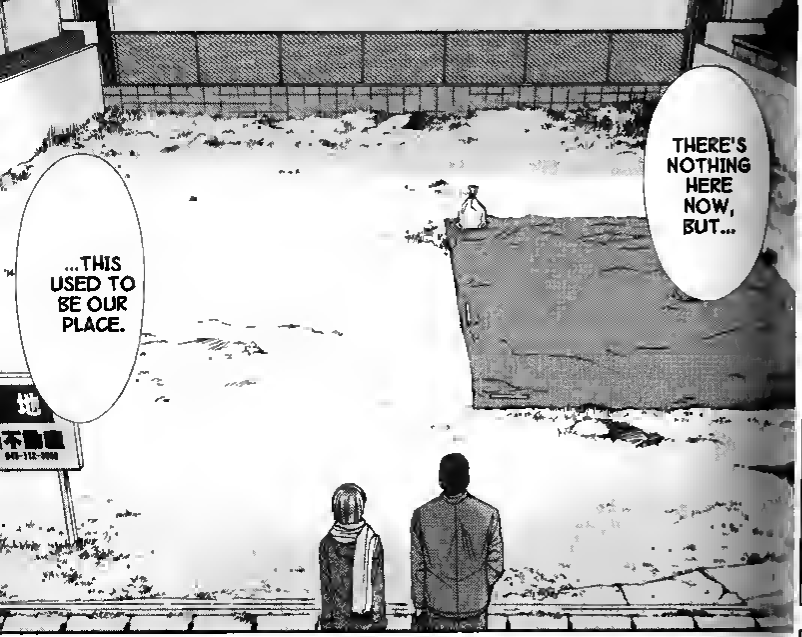
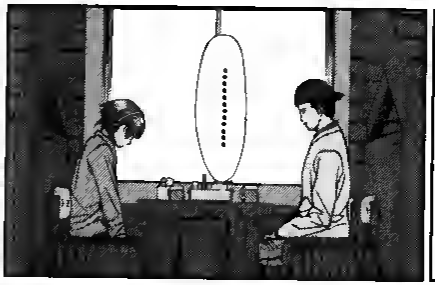
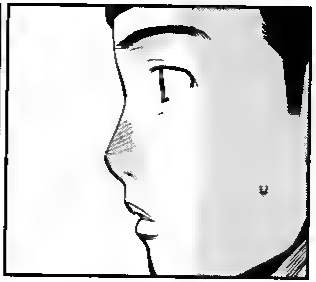
MAYBE WE SHOULD CHECK THE TRACK AND FIELD CLUB HOUSE...
EATING GOOD FOOD IS THE WHOLE POINT OF LIFE, YOU KNOW?


...THIS USED TO BE OUR PLACE.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE NOW, BUT...





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Meow
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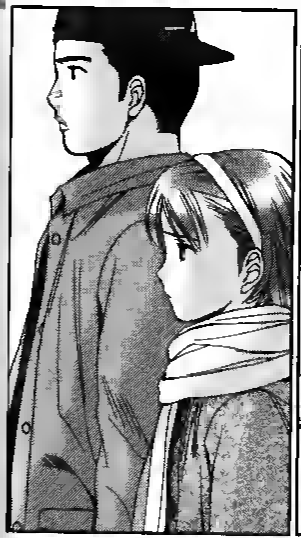
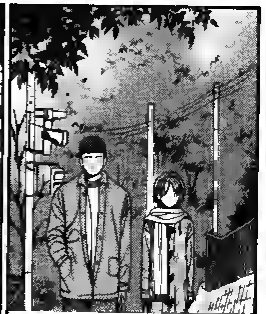
I can't even look.



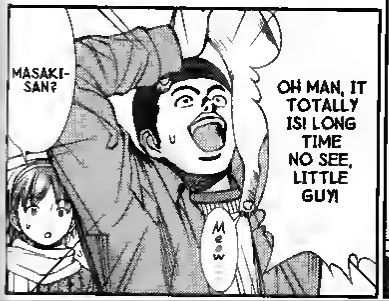


COME ON, MAN.
WHAT?
NAH! I'LL SEND IT OFF WHEN ITS LEG GETS BETTER.
ARE YOU GONNA KEEP IT?

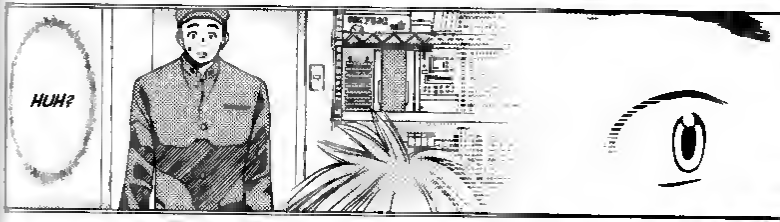
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
OKAY, FINE. I'LL DO IT.
WE GOTTA FIND THE OWNER!
HOW MANY DOES THIS MAKE?

SENSEI! THERE'S A STRANGE SOUND COMING FROM HIS BAG!
.....
HA HA HA. ALL PATCHED UP, HUH LITTLE GUY?
IT'S THE SAME CAT.

WHAT?
NO WAY! IT CAN'T BE...
HUH?


MASAKI-SAN?
M e o w
OH MAN, IT TOTALLY IS! LONG TIME NO SEE, LITTLE GUY!

WHAT A CUTE CAT.
M e o w


HUH?

I PICKED IT UP ON THE WAY HOME.
RYU... WHAT'S WITH THE CAT?

THAT...
...IS THE TOMINAGA-KUN I KNOW.

I JUST FOUND IT ON THE WAY HERE.
IT WAS HURT SO I BROUGHT IT WITH ME.
IS THIS YOUR PUPPY, TOMINAGA-KUN?!
OH, HOW CUTE !!!
NO, I...

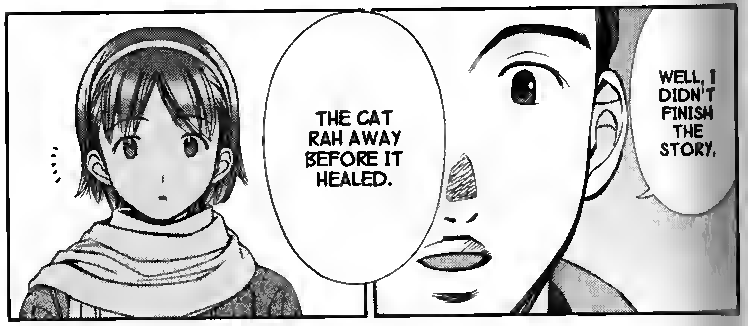
MASAKI-SAN..
Well... he's the one I love.

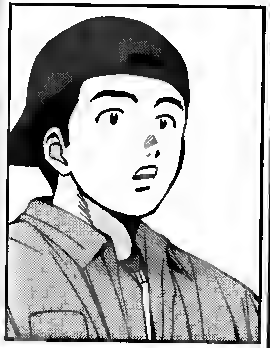
Tominaga-kun is just...
What is with me? Why am I acting so strange?

HUH?
WE FINALLY MEET.
AND SO...

WOW!
I LOVE THESE HILLY ROADS.

ABOUT THE CAT...
SO LISTEN, NAMI-CHAN...
YEAH?
REALLY...
YOKOHAMA LOOKS A LOT LIKE HAGASAKI AFTER ALL.
A lot of western-style houses and

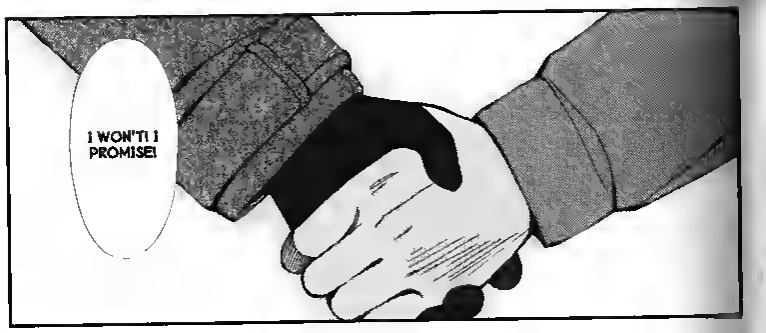

THE CAT RAN AWAY BEFORE IT HEALED.
WELL, I DIDN'T FINISH THE STORY.



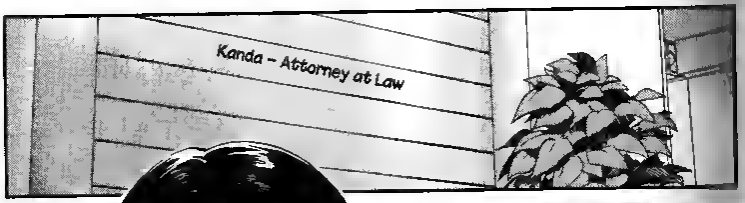
OKAY.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME ALL THIS.
I THINK I HAVE ONE MORE CLUE TO FOLLOW.
BUT I WANT TO GO THERE BY MYSELF...!

I have to try.
They probably won't even let an outsider like me in the door, but...
I have to try.
YEAH, THANKS.
CAN I AT LEAST TAKE YOU TO THE BUS STOP?


I WON'T! I PROMISE!

RYUTARO WAS PRETTY LONELY WITHOUT THAT CAT. FOR A LONG TIME...
I MEAN, IT WAS A STRAY TO BEGIN WITH SO IT FIGURES, BUT...


Kanda – Attorney at Law

I THINK I UNDERSTAND
YEAH...

.....

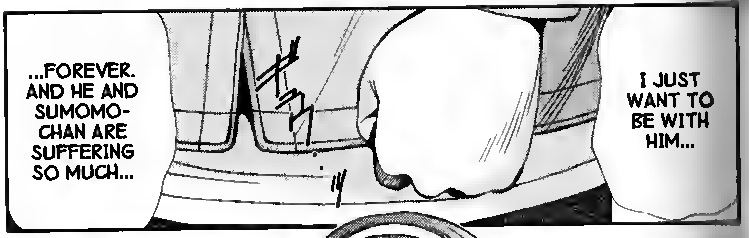
...I CAN'T DIVULGE THAT INFORMATION TO A COMPLETE STRANGER!
I'M VERY SORRY... BUT EVEN IF THIS "TOMINAGA" IS A CLIENT OF MINE...

NOW JUST HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
PLEASE!!

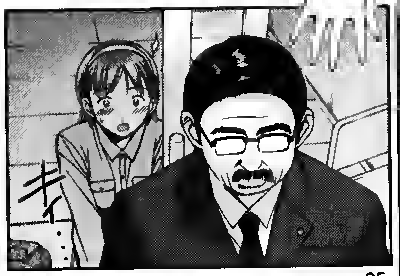
YEAH... REAL GOOD.

TOMINAGA-KUN...
...IS REALLY GOOD AT BEING LONELY!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
DO ME A FAVOR. WHEN YOU FIND HIM, DON'T LET HIM GO. OKAY, NAMI-CHAN?


...FOREVER. AND HE AND SUMOMO-CHAN ARE SUFFERING SO MUCH...
I JUST WANT TO BE WITH HIM...

I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE! JUST PLEASE HELP ME!!!
I CAN'T LET TOMINAGA-KUN SUFFER BY HIMSELF... ESPECIALLY NOT HERE IN YOKOHAMA.

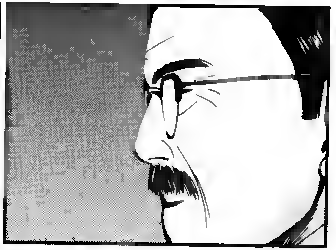


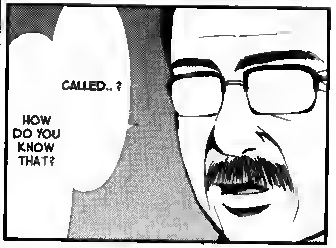
AAH!
I'M SORRY.

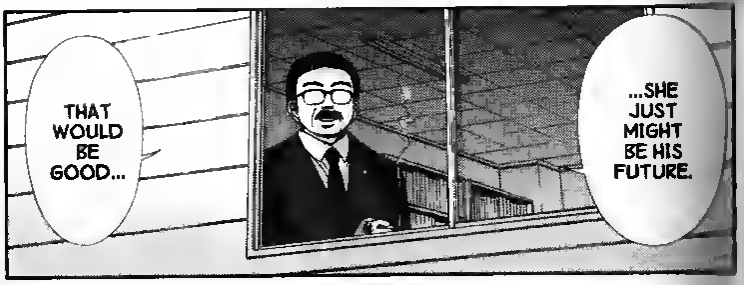
.....!!

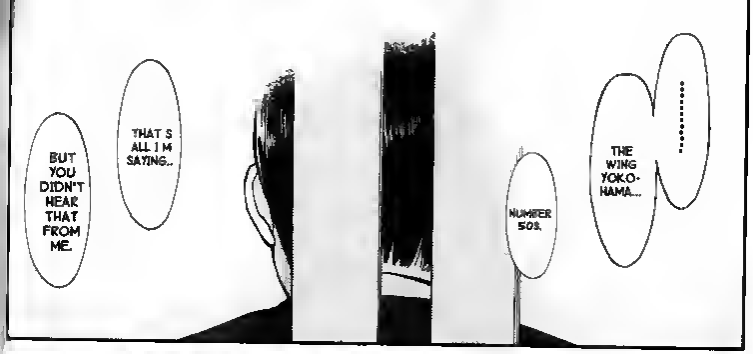
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CALLED HIM AND TOLD HIM TO COME TO YOKOHAMA, RIGHT?!
KANDA-SENSEI!!!

I WAS WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH YOU!
AND ALMOST RIGHT AFTER THAT, HE LEFT.
SO I'M COMING TO YOU BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW WHERE HE IS.




CALLED..?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?


THAT WOULD BE GOOD...
...SHE JUST MIGHT BE HIS FUTURE.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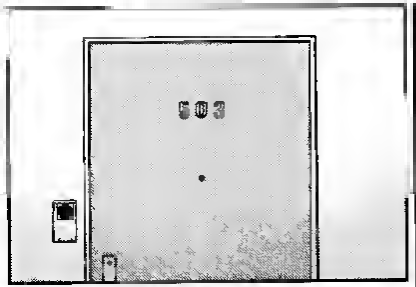
THE WING YOKO-HAMA...
NUMBER 503.
THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING..
BUT YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT FROM ME.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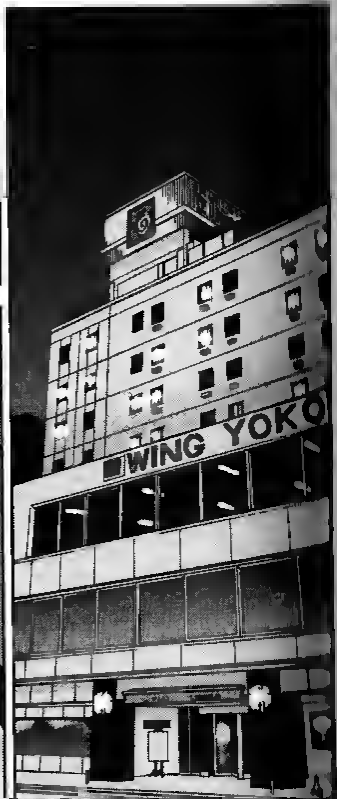
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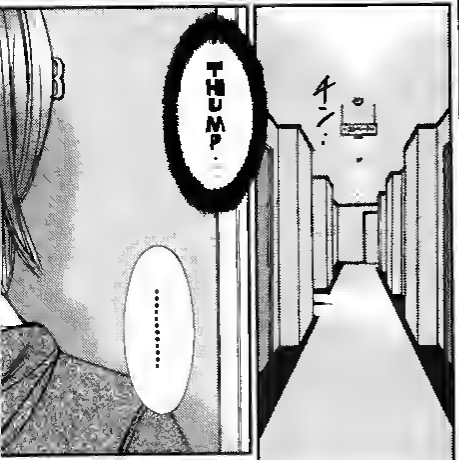
THUMP.
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THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!

カキン

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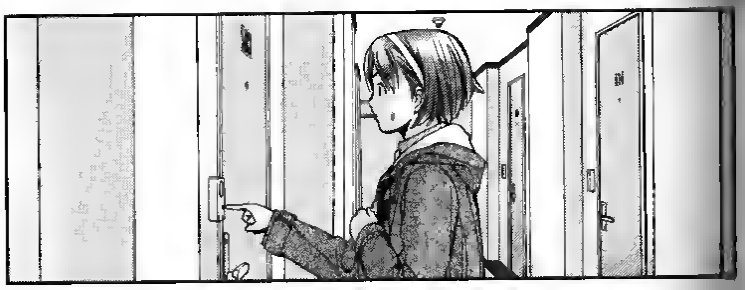
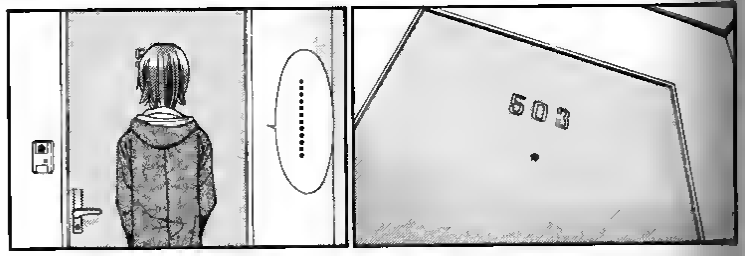
AAH...

PHEW...

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TOMINAGA
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WHY IS NO ONE ANSWERING?

IS IT... ?

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COME ON! SOMEBODY BE HOME!!

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THUMP
THUMP

...WHEN YOU FIND NIM, DON'T LET NIM GO. OKAY, NAMI-CHAN?
NAMI-CHAN...
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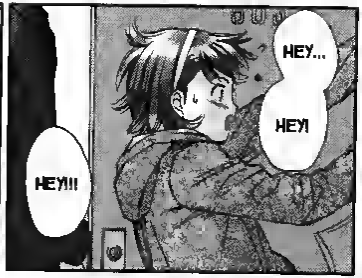
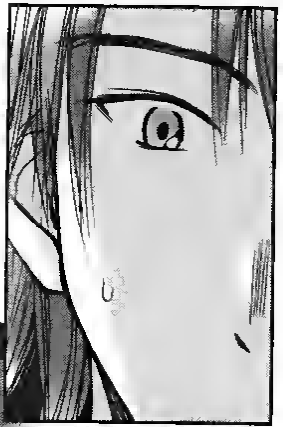
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!

Step. 22: Frozen in Time





B-BUT HOW DID YOU EVEN GET HERE? HOW DID YOU--
KANDA-SENSEI HELPED ME. HE--
MATSUO.

I-I'M SORRY! HE WAS MY LAST HOPE OF FINDING YOU.
WHAT?! YOU WENT TO KANDA-SENSEI?

...CRYING GIRL.
LOOK AT THIS SWEET...

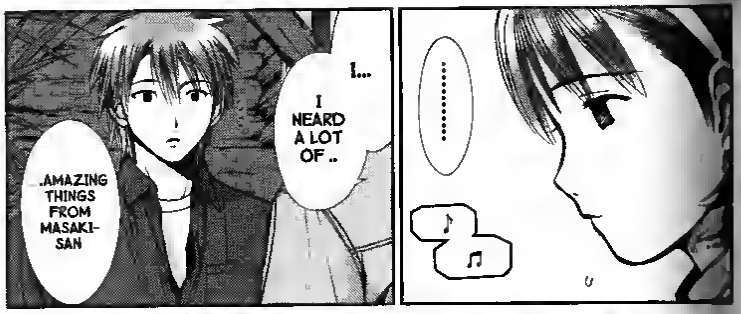
...BY HERSELF... FOR ME... I...
FOR MATSUO TO COME ALL THIS WAY...

I... UH...
I WAS JUST--

N-NO, I'M THE ONE WHO'S SORRY.
I-I'M SORRY!

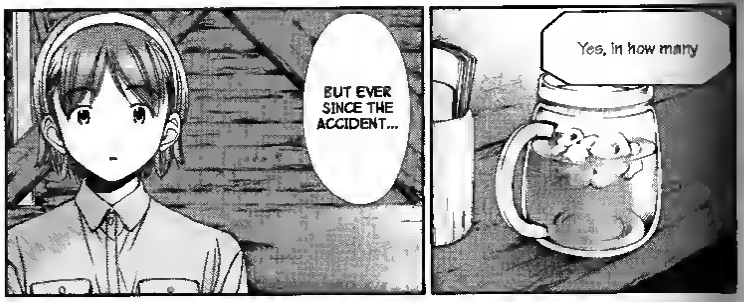
...I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD AT LEAST TRY TO HELP... SO HERE I AM.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, BUT...

I KNOW IT'S ALL CONFUSING, BUT...
I COULDN'T STAY HOME WHILE YOU...
...I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.



Yojame Kaichou Diner

YOU FOUND MASAKI, TOO...
AND TO THINK, MASAKI-SAN AND I WERE JUST GOING IN CIRCLES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS RIGHT NEXT TO YOUR HOTEL.
YEAH.


BUT EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT...
Yes, in how many

I FORGOT.
I FORGOT ABOUT MUSIC..

I REALIZED THAT..
ALL I WAS THINKING ABOUT WAS THE ACCIDENT.

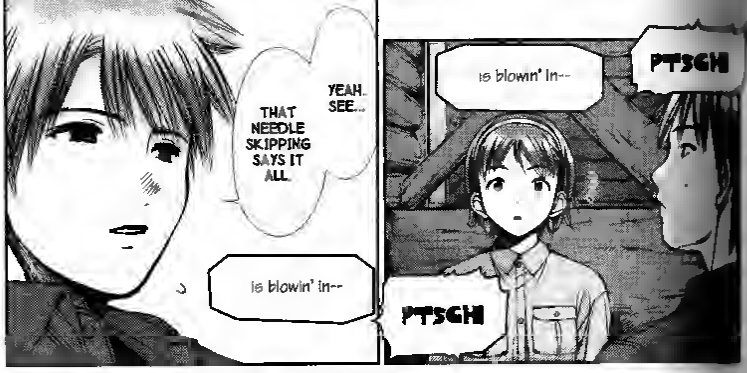
Before he can kiss the sky?
RIDING BIKES OR..
..READING BOOKS OR EVEN WATCHING TV WASN'T MUCH FUN ANYMORE.
..AND FOOD. NOTHING I ATE TASTED GOOD.

How many paths must a man
March down

Before you call him a man?

I UH..
THIS SONG... REALLY BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES

I LEARNED IT FROM MASAKI IN FIRST YEAR. I ALWAYS LIKED IT.
Yes, in how many oceans must a white gull sail
YOU DON'T KNOW IT?
"BLOWIN' IN THE BREEZE"
OH.
Before she sleeps on the beach?


YEAH. SEE...
THAT NEEDLE SKIPPING SAYS IT ALL.
is blowin' in--
PTSCH
is blowin' in--
PTSCH

I can feel it.
At this moment...

Stuck just like that broken record...
I can feel Tominaga-kun's heart breaking into pieces.

That too many people sob?
I USED TO LOVE THIS SONG SO MUCH.
BUT NOW... I FEEL NOTHING.

The answer my dear is blowin' in--
PTSCH

...COME TO VISIT HER GRAVE WITH ME?
WOULD YOU...

I wonder if I can really help him.
YOU WANT ME TO..
I MEAN, IS THAT OKAY?

What does all of this mean to Tominaga-kun?

.....
TOMINAGA-KUN..

I-I...
.....

IT'S TOMO-RROW, ISN'T IT?
THE DAY YOUR MOM DIED ..
YEAH.

MATSUO, MAYBE TOMORROW..

MATSUO...

I...

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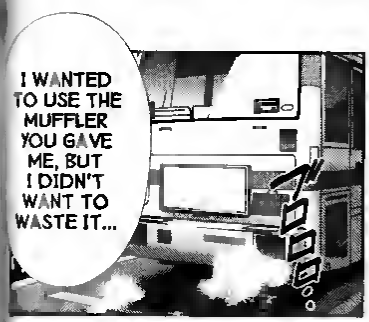
BUT EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT... I FORGOT ABOUT MUSIC...
RIDING BIKES OR... READING BOOKS OR EVEN WATCHING TV WASN'T MUCH FUN ANYMORE.
You must use...
Magic Fundamentals II
- The Magic of the Heart -
Where did he just...?
...special something--
...that very, very...

.....!!!
GIVE HIM BACK.
GIVE HIM BACK.
GIVE HIM BACK...
GIVE HIM BACK...
GIVE HIM BACK!!!
GOOD MORNING IT'S REALLY NICE OUT, HUH?
...YEAH.
AH...

I REALLY WISH...

...MOM WAS HERE...

...TO MEET MATSUO.


I WANTED TO USE THE MUFFLER YOU GAVE ME, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE IT...

YEAH, IT'S THE ONE YOU GAVE ME.
HEY! THAT GLOVE IS--

OH, OKAY...
NO, I MEAN I GET IT. MY MOM WAS LIKE THAT.

NO, I MEAN...
I SORT OF ... PUT THINGS LIKE THAT UP... LIKE IN A SHRINE...
WHAT?

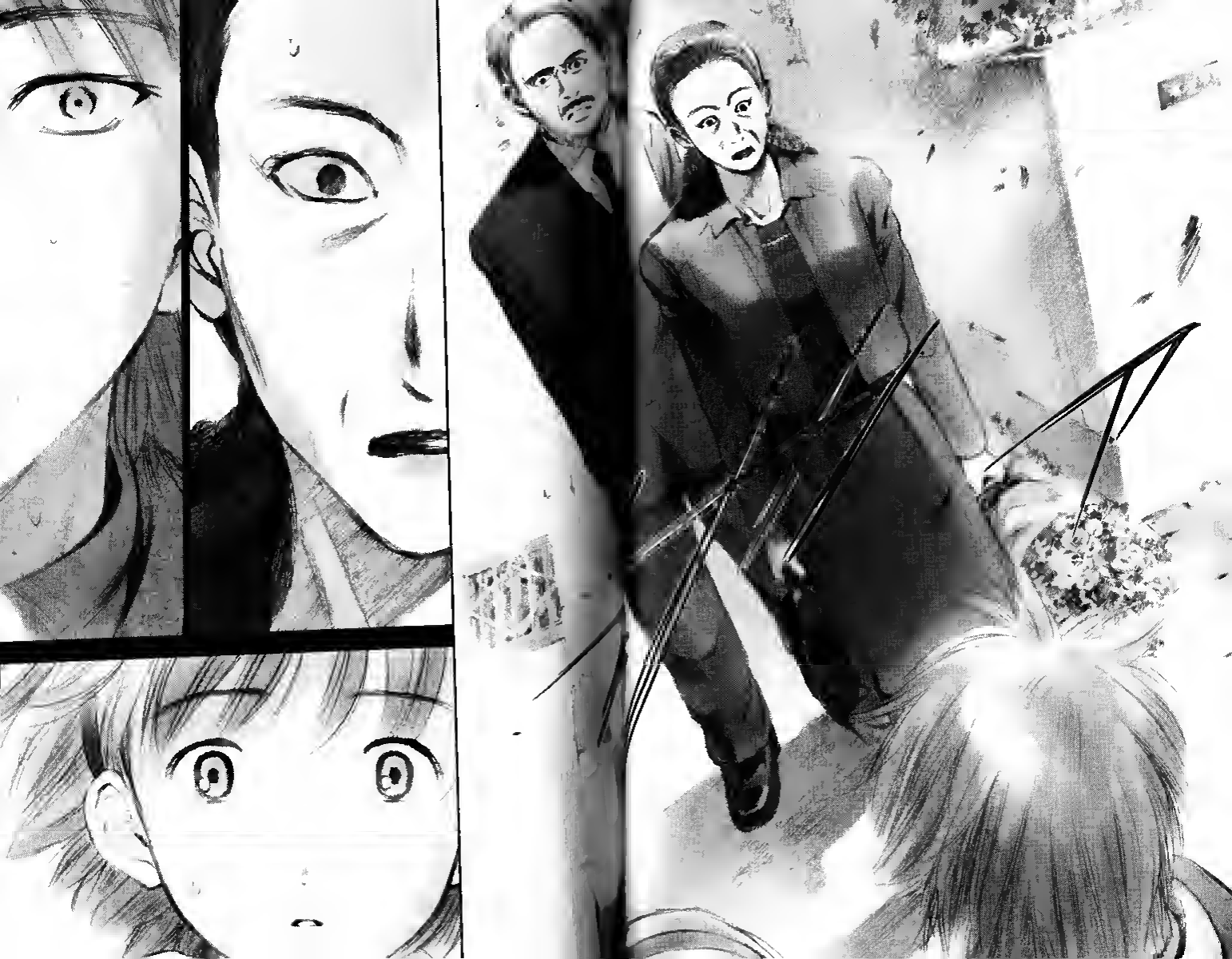
.....

THAT DOES SOUND LIKE ME.
EXPENSIVE WINE RARE TIN CANS. PRESENTS FOR ME AND SUMOMO-CHAN...
YEAH. SHE KEPT A TON OF STUFF IN THE LIVING ROOM.
REALLY?

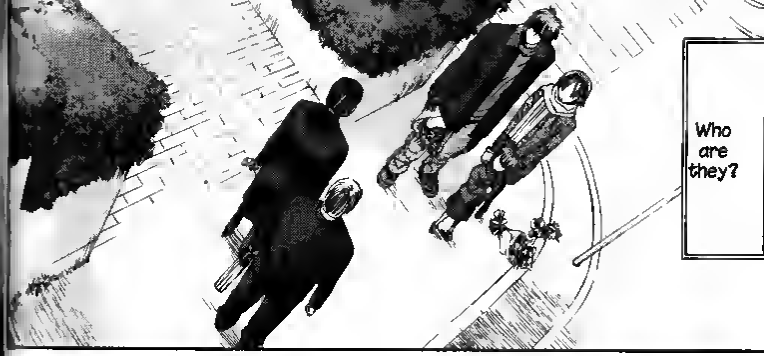
I MEAN, I LOOK IN A TON OF CD STORES, BUT ALWAYS COME UP EMPTY...
I CAN'T EVEN THINK OF THE TITLE.
I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER
AFTER THAT
...NEVER COME BACK TO ME.
IT MAY NEVER...
SO WHY DIDN'T I JUST LISTEN...
...MORE CAREFULLY WHEN SHE WAS ALIVE?

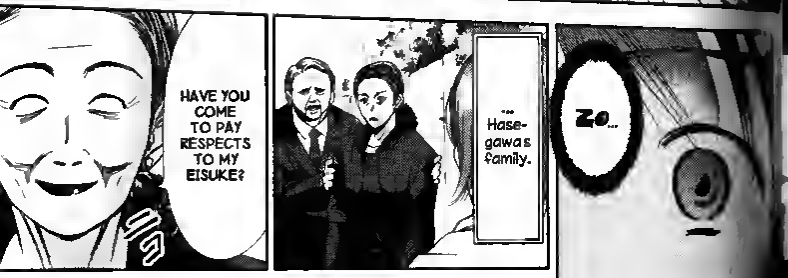
...Hey, that's the song his mom liked so much.
TOMINAGA-KUN?
...OF THAT SONG...
THAT'S AS MUCH AS I KNOW.

...HER GRAVE, IN A WAY.
SO THIS IS ALSO
It keeps skipping ...
...over and over--
...is just like a broken record.
TOMINAGA KUN.
A broken heart....
?!
S-SUMOMO-CHAN?!
AH ...UMOMO!
WHY ARE YOU ALONE? IS GRANNY AT THE TEMPLE?
Aha!
TOMINAGA-KUN, WHAT IS SUMOMO DOING HERE?!
THIS IS... MOM'S ACCIDENT WAS HERE.
WHAT?
OH, I...
THUMP
OKAY, SUMOMO...
LET'S LAY THE FLOWERS HERE.

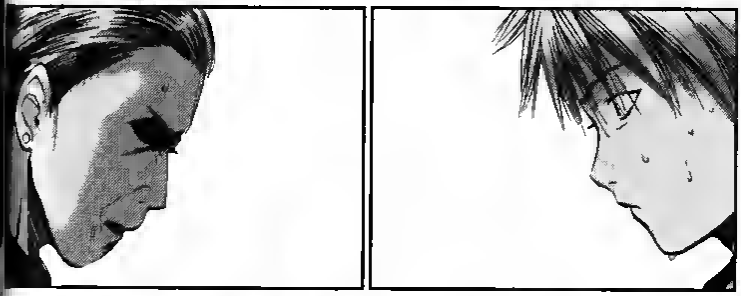


SHUT UP !!!!
MOTHER, STOP! PLEASE, LET'S JUST GO--
I'M NOT YOUR MOTHER! I'M EISUKE'S MOTHER !!!
...MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE ME MY SON BACK!!!
I MEAN IF THAT'S SO EASY..


Who are they?


HAVE YOU COME TO PAY RESPECTS TO MY EISUKE?
...Hasegawas family.
So...
So they're...

HOW OLD ARE YOU?
WHAT WAS IT YOU LIKED ABOUT EISUKE?
WELL, THANK YOU. SO, WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
WHAT? I... UH..



I'M SORRY!
.....
WHAT'S THE POINT IN APOLOGIZING?

...ARE SUFFERING, TOO.
TOMINAGA KUN...
TOMINAGA KUN AND SUMOMO-CHAN...
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE, YOU KNOW!
...THE PEOPLE THEY LOST! DON'T THEY?
EVERYONE WANTS TO GET BACK...

I WALKED THIS PATH WITH EISUKE ...
...SO MANY TIMES.
I WAS THE ONE!
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT...

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I-I'M TOMINAGA-KUN'S FRIEND!!!

OH, I SEE. WELL, EISUKE HAD FRIENDS
GIRL-FRIENDS, TOO BUT...
.....

GIVE HIM BACK!!!
GIVE MY SON BACK!!!
HE CAN'T EVEN EAT WHAT I COOK FOR HIM!
HE CAN'T WRITE THEM LETTERS
HE CAN'T TALK TO THEM ANYMORE.
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?!
WHY?!
MAIKO!
Mrs. Hasegawa ...

...HOLDING HIS HAND AS WE WALKED TO THE PLAYGROUND. HAPPY...
CATCHING BALLS AT THE FIELD JUST UP THE ROAD...
I REMEMBER WHEN HE GOT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL... HE GOT SO EMBARRASSED
SO I JUST WATCHED. I WATCHED MY CHILD GROW AND WALK WITHOUT ME.
AND I WAS... VERY HAPPY.
TO US...
SEEING HIM GROW UP MADE US SO HAPPY.
SO GIVE IT BACK!!!
MY SON, MY HAPPINESS...
GIVE THEM BACK TO ME!!!
DO YOU SEE THAT, SWEETIE?

I HEARD ABOUT HIS DEATH WHEN I WAS PREGNANT.
SO I NAMED HIM THAT, HOPING HE'D BE AS LOVED BY EVERYONE, JUST LIKE HASEGAWA.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT, RIGHT? HE WAS A BIG BASEBALL PLAYER... I MEAN, I WAS A HUGE FAN.
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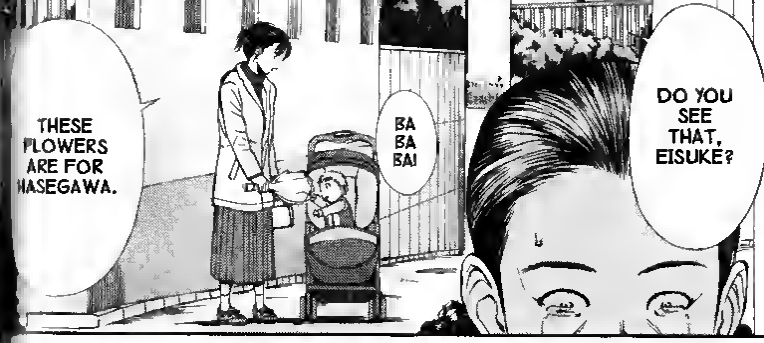
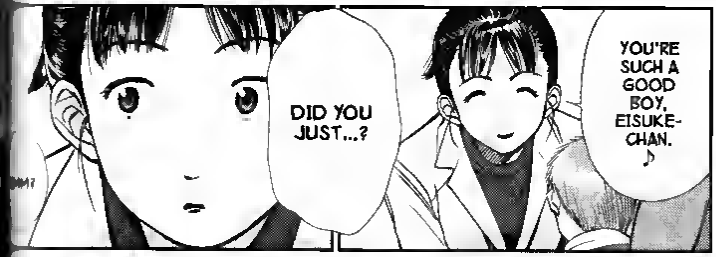

THESE FLOWERS ARE FOR HASEGAWA.
BA BA BA!
DO YOU SEE THAT, EISUKE?


DID YOU JUST...?
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY, EISUKE-CHAN. ♪

WHAT DID YOU JUST CALL HIM?
YOUR CHILD'S NAME..

I NAMED HIM AFTER THE PERSON WHO DIED HERE--
BA BA BA.
EISUKE.

EISUKE...
.....
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DOOR

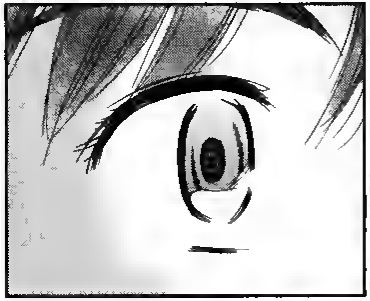
THERE'S ACTUALLY TWO MORE EISUKES AT MY APARTMENT BUILDING.

HASEGAWA-SAN.
ARE YOU BY CHANCE
YOU CAN'T PLAY CATCH YET, CAN YOU LITTLE EISUKE CHAN!

SO MANY...
I KNOW...

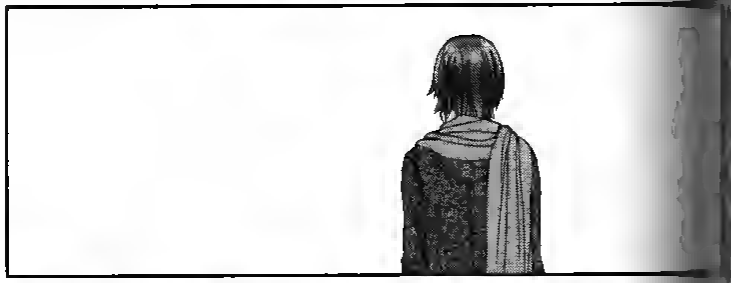
I'M SURE HE MUST BE SO--
LOOK AT TOMINAGA-KUN HE'S JUST WATCHING..

What the dead leave behind...
...are the hearts of the living. So full and...

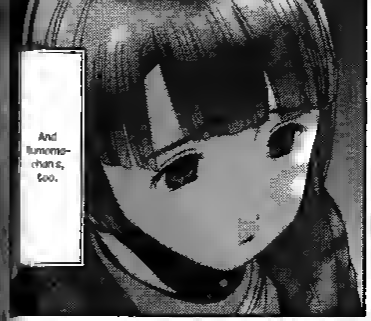


EISUKE HAS LEFT US...
...WITH...
...SO MUCH.

If it does, does that mean they'll just return to the same sadness every day?
...does time stay frozen, too?



...is frozen like that...
And when your heart...


And Yumemo-chan's, too.

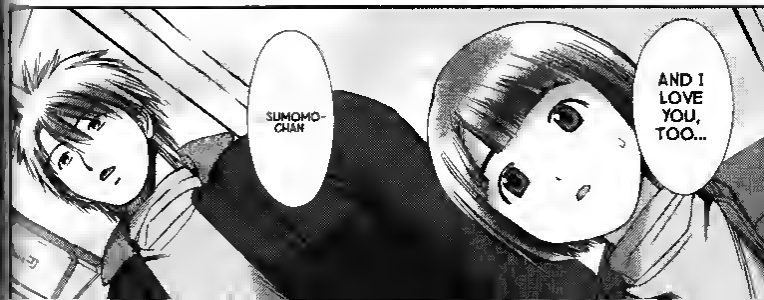
...in place.
Their hearts are still frozen...

Tennaga-kun's heart...
It's just frozen.

Pant
MATSUO
Pant
Step. 23 Windy Hill Road
TOMINAGA-KUN... SUMOMO-CHAN...
COME ON!!!
All I can do...
...is do all I can...
MATSUO?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
Pant
Pant
WHERE ARE YOU...
HEY, MATSUO
...to open their hearts...
...with magic.
IT'S...
IT'S WHERE OUR HOUSE WAS.
THIS STREET
TOMINAGA-KUN
Step.22:End

BUT THE ONE THING I DO HAVE...
...IS THE POWER I GET FROM OTHERS.
LOOK, I DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH.
...CAN SHOW YOU BOTH..
JUST MAYBE THAT POWER.
AT LEAST ONE MORE TIME.
...THAT WHICH YOU'VE LOST

Step.23 Windy Hill Road



TOMI-
NAGA-
KUN...
EVERYONE...
...THE
STRENGTH..
NAMI...
HELP
GIVE
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OF
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HEARTS
--

SUMOMO
I-
IT'S...
THAT
SONG
IS...
...NO,
IT
CAN'T
BE.
BUT...
THAT
VOICE
IS
JUST...

WHAT
THE..?

HER VOICE--
...OUR HOUSE!!!
IT'S MOM'S
AND OUR...
JUST CALM DOWN!!
SUMOMO, WAIT!!
OUR HOUSE CAN'T REALLY BE HERE--
CALM YOURSELF DOWN...
AGH!!!
U-U...
MMM--
M-M..

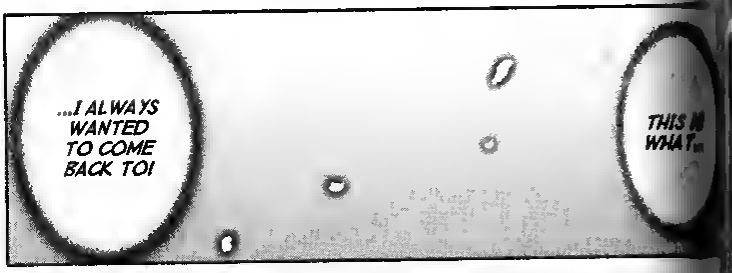
...JUST BRING ME THE GYM SUIT I FORGOT...!!!
MOMMY!!!!
MOMMY!!!
THAT'S WHY YOU DIED...
WHAT THE HELL...
SUMOMO!
AND I YOU DID WAS...
I-I CALLED YOU "STUPID" THAT MORNING.
MOMMY, MOMMY... I'M SO SORRY.

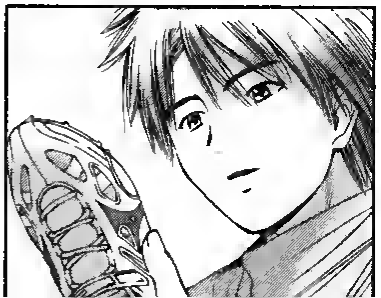
...IS THIS...
MOTHER!!!
Her singing is just...
...like it always was.
It's like nothing's changed--
And it smells like her cooking
Meow
YOU'RE--
.....!!

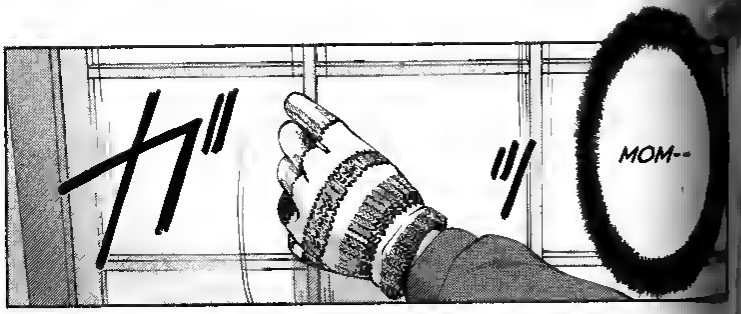
Sumomo has her voice.

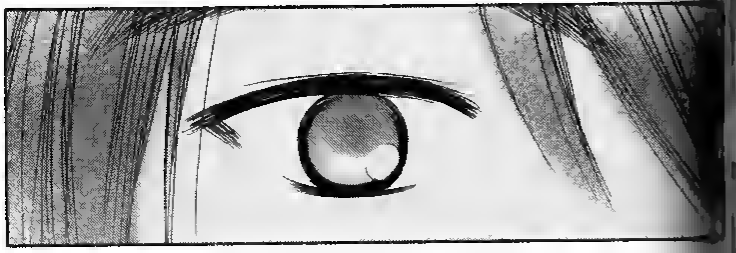
Mom is really here...

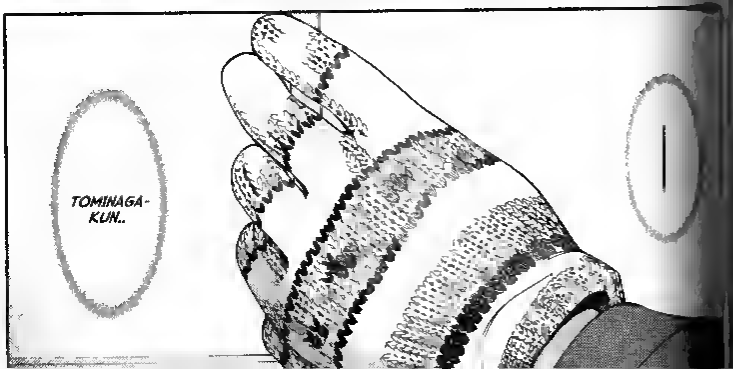
We're in our own house.






MOM--

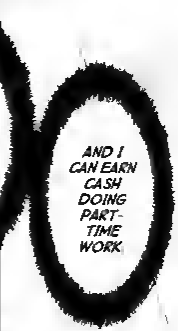



TOMINAGA-KUN..

I have to tell her the things I never got to say.

This is it.

AND SUMOMO REALLY WANTS TO GO TO COSMO WORLD SOMETIME

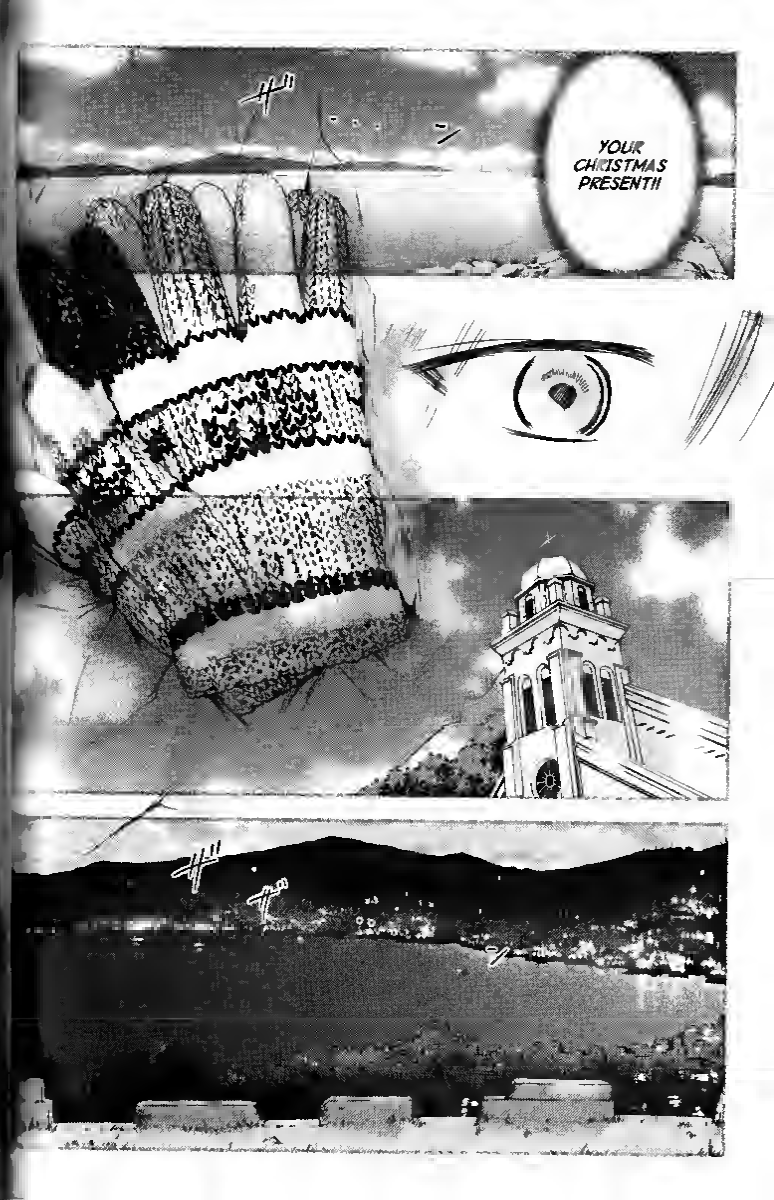

AND I CAN EARN CASH DOING PART-TIME WORK.

I'M GONNA DO TRACK AND FIELD, MAYBE EVEN AT THE UNIVERSITY

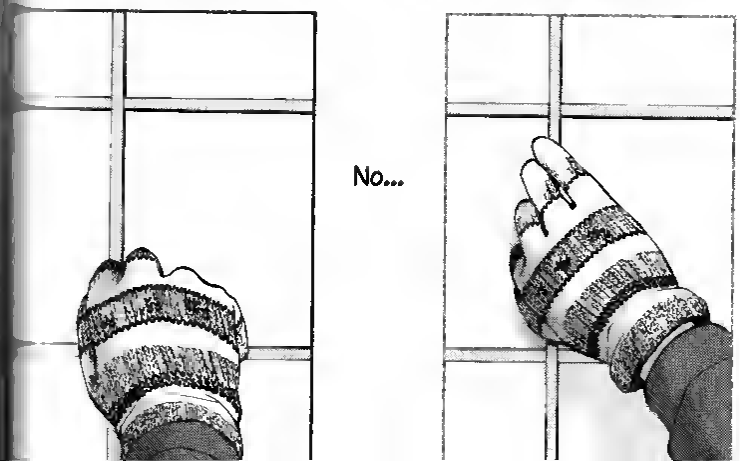
OKAY, MOM?

YOU KNOW... MAYBE WORKING ON SHIPS LIKE DAD USED TO DO.

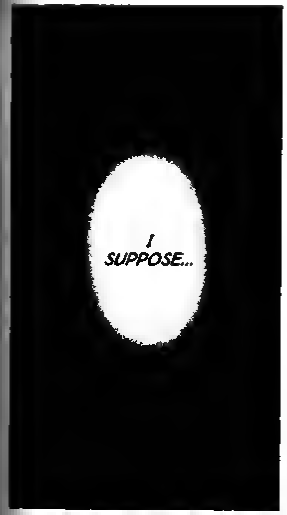
GOLDEN
...KUN...


YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!

TOMINAGA-KUN--



OH, KYU-TARO...
...THAT'S RIGHT.
DIDN'T WE... IN THIS HOUSE...
WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, THOUGH.


I SUPPOSE...

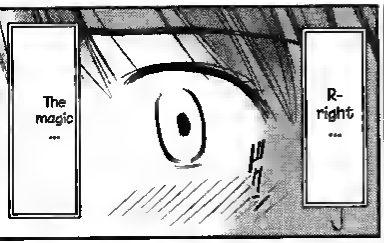
IT JUST ISN'T REALLY ...
...OUR HOME ANYMORE--

.....
ALWAYS PUTTING SO MANY...
YOU'VE BEEN SO LONELY.
BUT, IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
HUH?
ALL TO COVER UP THAT HOLE IN YOUR HEART.
...BURDENS ON YOURSELF. TRYING TO CARRY SO MUCH UP THAT STEEP HILL.
YOU'RE DEFINITELY YOUR MOTHER'S SON.
I ALWAYS WORRIED SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN.
WE LAUGHED, WE CRIED... WE LAUGHED AGAIN.
IT'S OKAY. I'M NOT A KID...
HEY...
.....
?!
YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ISN'T WHERE YOUR HOME IS ANYMORE. AND IT'S OKAY.
?
I KNOW, BUT...
I WAS RIGHT TO WORRY.

SO DON'T LET ME BE A BURDEN TO YOU. JUST LET IT ALL GO AND FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH.
EVENTUALLY, ALL CHILDREN LEAVE THE NEST.
MOMMY...
SUMOMO...
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE SORRY FOR.
YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE ME SO PROUD...
SO YOU'LL TELL SUMOMO, TOO.
WON'T YOU?

...THANKS.
I UNDERSTAND NOW. AND DON'T YOU WORRY...
I WANT YOU TO KNOW...
...I'LL ALWAYS BE WATCHING OVER YOU.
BOTH OF YOU...
FOREVER AND ALWAYS...

WERE YOU JUST WITH US?
HUH?! WHAT?!


The magic ...
R-right ...

TOMI ...
I don't even know what happened. Did I...

TOMOHARU KUN
The magic took so much out of me, I blacked out.
I... uh...

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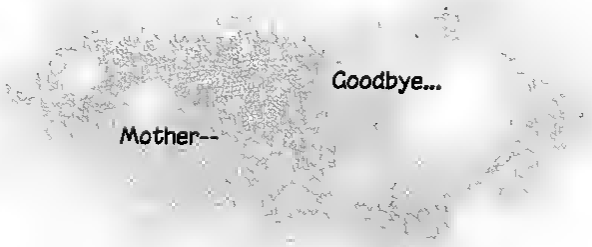
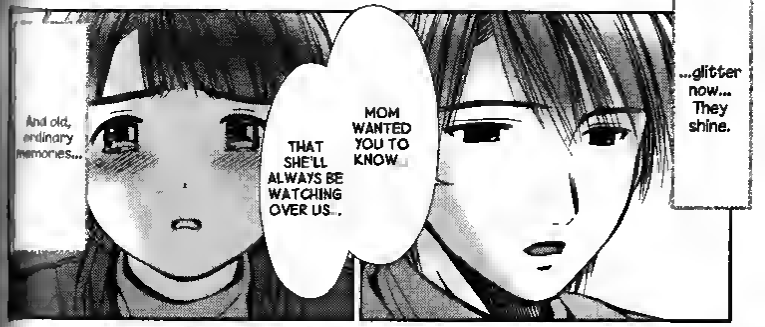

Goodbye...
Mother--

♪

SUMOMO!
.....
...how much I've changed.
It was like I met you...
(fwg)
IT SMELLS LIKE MOMMY...
For the first time.
(fwsh)
SUMOMO
And so regular days...
SUMOMO-CHAN'S VOICE!!
I KNOW IT!
WHAT?
TOMINAGA KUN?
THE SONG MY MOTHER LOVED SO MUCH.
WINDY HILL ROAD.
And so I realize now...

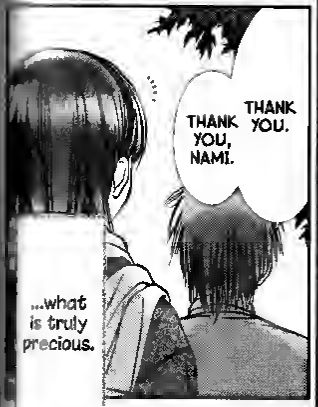
I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU AND YOUR MAGIC DID TODAY
...FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE.
And I must never forget it either.

And so...
TOMINAGA-KUN...


And old, ordinary memories...
THAT SHE'LL ALWAYS BE WATCHING OVER US...
MOM WANTED YOU TO KNOW...
...glitter now... They shine.

For now I know...

...look different now.


THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, NAMI.
...what is truly precious.

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Step 23: End

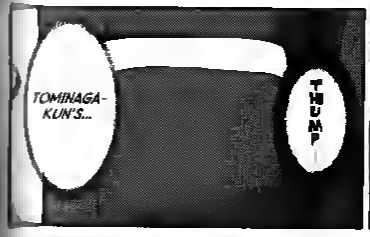
Step. 24: Crossroad to the Future

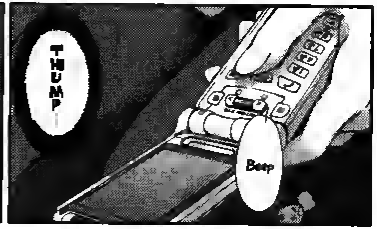
I still can't sleep.
I've never felt so proud.
THANK YOU... THANK YOU, NAMI.
...SIGH
IS THAT PAY PHONE RINGING?
HELLO?
HEY
IT'S ME--
!
WERE YOU ASLEEP?
TELEPHONE
NO, NOT YET.
?
SORRY. I WAS JUST WALKING AROUND AND...
HUH?
WELL... NOW I'M IN FRONT OF YOUR HOTEL.

.....
I SEE...
WE CAN REALLY JUST... RIDE?

SO YOU SAW HIM?
YEAH.. I NEED TO SERIOUSLY CATCH UP WITH HIM LATER, BUT...
JUST TAKE IT, ALL RIGHT? HAVE A GREAT NIGHT AND BRING IT BACK WHEN YOU'RE DONE

YEAH, WHY? IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
N-NO! NOT AT ALL!!!


TOMINAGA-KUN'S...
THUMP


THUMP
Beep

MY HOTEL...
THUMP
THUMP
HERE. AT THE HOTEL.
I... I...

トクン...
トクン
トクン

For some reason, every time...
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WHERE?
YOU GOT A BIKE!
YEAH, MASAKI LENT IT TO ME

AAH
THUMP
HI.

SO COME ON!
WHAT?

I don't know why...
...I hear the sound of a bike...
The noise... the lights...
The vibration...
...my heart flutters.

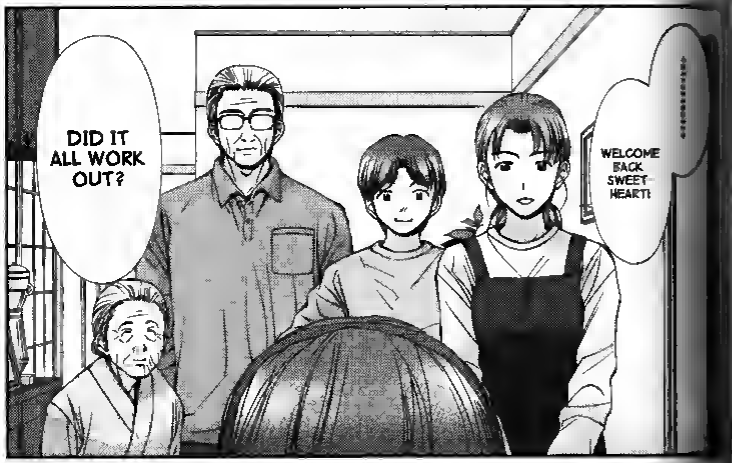
YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU'RE SO BAD AT IT...
AND THEN YOU PULL OFF SOMETHING INCREDIBLE.
HUH?
YOU'RE AMAZING
FOR YOUR MAGIC AND--
NO, IT WAS...
HUH?
BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE OF YOU.
.....
AND I LEARNED THAT THE POWER OF MAGIC IS REALLY JUST THE FEELINGS IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS.
EVER SINCE I MET YOU, I EXPERIENCED SO MUCH

I'll never forget it.
And the warmth of Tominaga-kun's back...
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE.
!
IT'S JUST LIKE MY FAVORITE PLACE IN NAGASAKI!
IT'S SO PRETTY.
I LOVE THIS SPOT.
.....
THANK YOU, TOMINAGA-KUN.

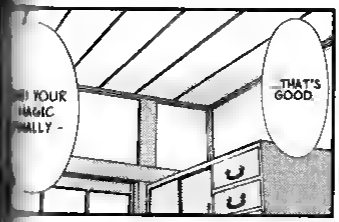
I'M GONNA RUN TRACK AND FIELD AT RYOKUNAN HIGH.
THERE'S NOT A LOT OF TIME BEFORE GRADUATION BUT...
SO WHAT WAS INCREDIBLE...
...WAS JUST USING WHAT YOU WERE GIVING ME.
MATSUO, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
.....?
I MEAN, IT MUST SEEM PRETTY SILLY TO YOU BUT...
THAT'S FUNNY, HUH?
MORE THAN I EVER DID BEFORE!
YEAH!
.....
SO YOU LIKE MAGIC NOW?
I'M HAPPY, TOMINAGA-KUN...
I'M JUST SO HAPPY...
LOSE WHAT?
AND I'M NOT GONNA LOSE THAT EITHER.
ALL RIGHT!

THANK YOU.
NA-MI ... I...

...Tominaga-kun!

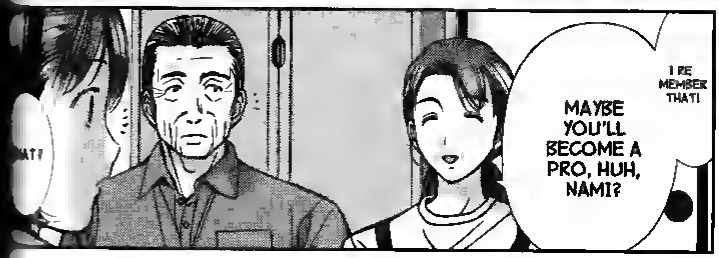


YEAH! IT DID!

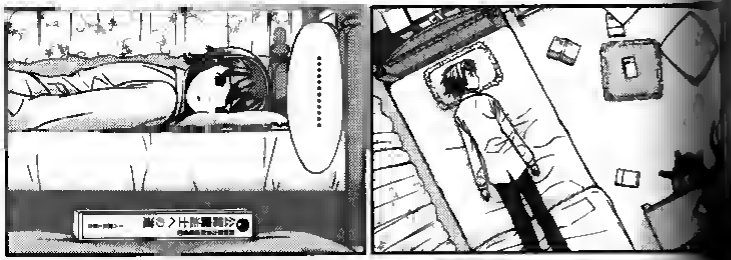

...THAT'S GOOD.

YEAH! I REALIZED I JUST HAD TO PUT ALL MY HEART INTO IT, TO MAKE MY MAGIC WORK.

AND YOU USED TO HATE IT SO MUCH...


I'LL REMEMBER THAT!
MAYBE YOU'LL BECOME A PRO, HUH, NAMI?

A PRO...
A PROFESSIONAL MAGIC USER??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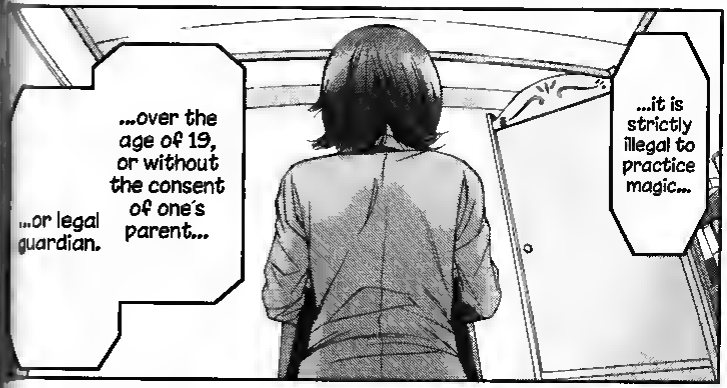
This also permits the free use of magic for personal purposes.
But, as you know ...

...so one can have both corporate and individual clients.

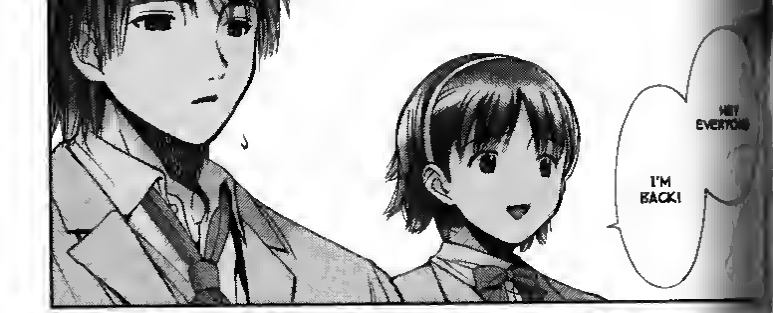
...MY MAGIC AGAIN--
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE...


...it is strictly illegal to practice magic...
...over the age of 19, or without the consent of one's parent...
...or legal guardian.

NAMI.
.....
GOOD MORNING.
.....?
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

Some magic users' talent allow--
It is strictly illegal to practice magic over the age of 19...

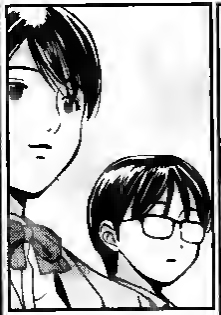
Forbidden...
Don't train before the Spring's over...
...To use magic...
19...
19...
If I--


HEY EVERYONE
I'M BACK!

I MEAN PROPERLY NOW?
SO... YOU GONNA GRADUATE?

.....
THAT'S THE PLAN.

AND GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
YEAH.

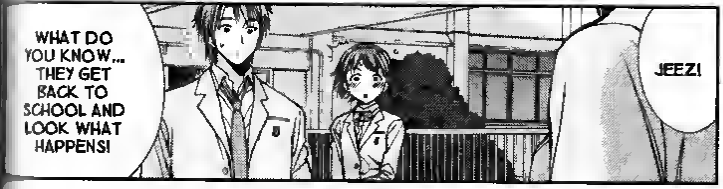


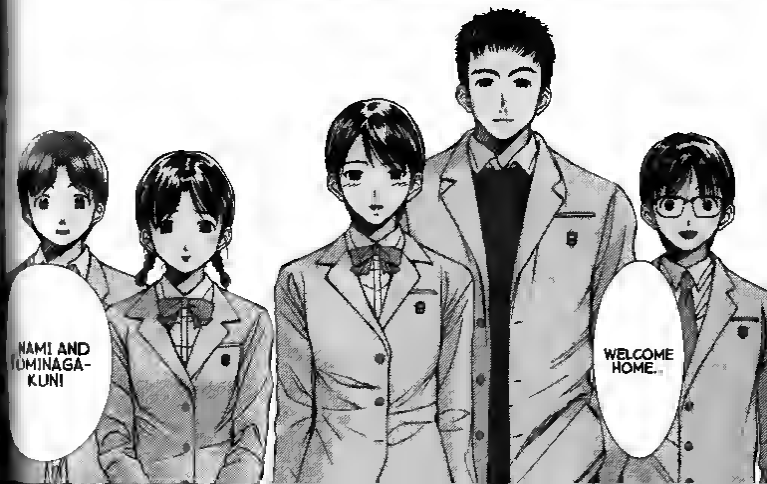
IT'S GONNA BE LONELY AROUND HERE.
AGH !! EVERYONE GRADUATIN BUT ME..

.....
MUTAEO KUN

I GUESS I BECAME "NAMI" AT SOME POINT...
I... UH...

AND NOW I'M...?


WHAT DO YOU KNOW... THEY GET BACK TO SCHOOL AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS!
JEEZ!


NAMI AND YUMINAGA-KUN!
WELCOME HOME.

NO MATTER WHAT...
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!
OKAY... THANKS.

GOODBYE SCHOOL. GOODBYE TEACHERS AND FRIENDS...
IT'S TOO BAD IN A WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS, NO MATTER WHAT! EVEN AFTER GRADUATION!
Mutt's right!
MITSUAKI...
CHIKA-SAN...
Hmmm...

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Tue
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Mon

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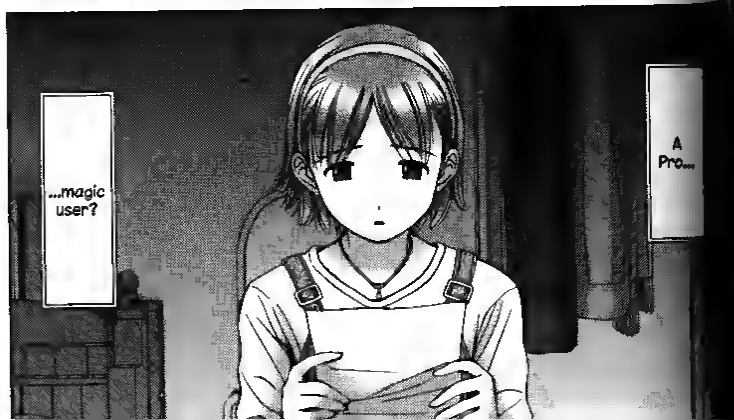
...magic user?
A Pro...

Cute...
13
Sun

WOW! FAST...
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Mon

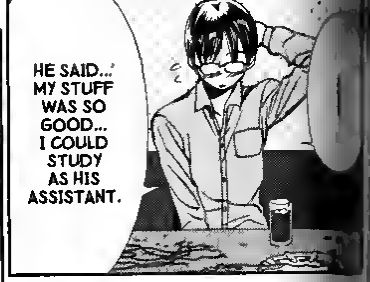
THEN I'D HAVE TO USE MAGIC FOR CLIENTS...
And that would mean ...
...Using magic to ease the pain of people I don't even know.
Right on the spot. There's no way I can do that now...
But...
If it was like it was for Ryutaro-kun...
Then maybe ...
...my magic can make a lot more people happy--
CREAK
--AFTER YOU TURN PRO, WHAT HAPPENS?
YOU MEAN, LIKE, WHAT JOB WOULD I HAVE AFTER PASSING?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TRAINING...
YOU'RE THE CLOSEST MAGIC USER I KNOW, SO I THOUGHT YOU'D TELL ME...
HMPH YOU NEVER HAD ANY INTEREST IN THE "AFTER" BEFORE, DID YOU?
!
DAD!

I WANT YOU TO THINK HARD ABOUT THIS.
NAMI.
AND WHATEVER YOU DECIDE IS FINE WITH ME.
THIS IS YOUR DECISION.
NOT YOUR FATHER'S.
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR NOVICE MAGIC USERS...
...TO BE ASSIGNED TO FAR-OFF LANDS, FOR YEARS AT A TIME.

...from Nagasaki...
Moving away...
DAD...

Office of Matsuo Magic
AFTER THAT, SOME PEOPLE OPEN UP THEIR OWN OFFICES IN THE CITY LIKE I DID.
BUT THAT'S AFTER YEARS OF STAFF JOBS AND PUBLIC OFFICES AND WORKING FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
LOOK, NAMI...
AFTER QUALIFYING, YOU WOULD START DOING SOME GENERAL WORK FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
HUH?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING, NAMI.
SO I'D WORK RIGHT HERE, FOR THE CITY OF NAGASAKI?
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT...

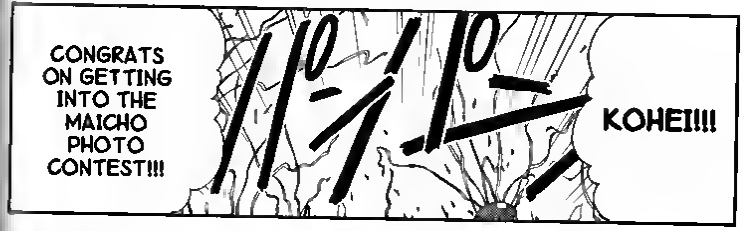
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU'D BE ASSIGNED TO NAGASAKI.



That could mean living apart...

...from Ryutaro-kun...

...for years!



YOU NEVER EVEN THOUGHT THEY'D PICK YOU THIS YEAR, HUH?
HEY, I ALWAYS KNEW YOU COULD CUT IT!
O- QUIT TEASING ME! JEEZ.
WHAT WAS IT THE JUDGE SAID TO YOU?

Mitsuoki-kun...
...got a sports scholarship to run the triathlon.
Rieko wants to be an elementary school teacher...
Chika-san's gonna be a nurse...
And Ryutaro-kun...
He's decided to find work here, in the city.
Everyone is moving forward —
...toward their own goals.
.....
My future ...
My future is...
.....?

RYUTARO--

Nagasaki Airport

NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING...

YEAH, WELL...THE PRESIDENT OFFERED ME THE JOB, SO...
SO YOU DECIDED TO WORK FOR KUSUDA CONSTRUCTION, HUH?

YOU CAN COME AND PLAY AT THE SHIPYARD ANYTIME YOU LIKE.
NOTHING

...IT'S SO WARM NERE IN NAGASAKI, ISN'T IT?

Step.24: End

The path to becoming a magic user...
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.....
YOU KNOW...
I CAN'T! I JUST CAN'T!
...seems to be the path away from Ryutaro-kun and his family...
.....

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HURRY! HURRY!

Maybe I'll just walk for a little bit.
Spring is so close.

SO THIS IS IT.
THIS IS THE TREE

TH-THAT TREE, YUME-SAN.

.....
THE BUDS ARE ABOUT TO OPEN..

I can't believe it's been a year since I met Ryutaro-kun here.

ARE YOU AFRAID OF BECOMING A FLOWER? BECOMING AN ADULT?
SO WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

THEN I CAN LEAVE THIS WORLD WITH NO REGRETS.
IF I CAN SEE THAT...
OUR HOUSE WAS SO CLOSE BY. I USED TO PLAY HERE WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
I WOULD READ BOOKS AND RELAX UNDER THIS TREE.
AND I ALWAYS WONDERED TO MYSELF...
...WHAT THIS TREE WOULD BE LIKE IF IT WAS BETTER.
WHAT KIND OF FLOWERS WOULD BLOOM FROM IT...
FUYUMI-CHAN...
HUH?
LOOK UP.
!!!
...IS TO MAKE THIS TREE COME ALIVE. I WANT TO SEE THE FLOWERS BLOOM.
SO, YUME-SAN.. MY FINAL REQUEST...
.....?

WHAT IS THIS???
LOOK AT THOSE COLORS. THOSE FLOWERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL.
FUYUMI-CHAN...
THIS ISN'T A FINAL REQUEST, BECAUSE...
YOU'RE ALIVE, RIGHT HERE AND NOW.

To use magic like this...
IT'S NOT FAIR...
IT'S SO VIBRANT AND ALIVE.
This is a real magic user.
This...
UM... ER...
Excuse me...
?!
PEOPLE... HUMAN BEINGS... CAN MAKE MANY FLOWERS BLOOM IN THEIR LIFETIME.
THIS TREE IS BEAUTIFUL AGAIN AND WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.
JUST LIKE YOU, YOU CAN MAKE MANY MORE FUTURES, BECAUSE YOU'RE ALIVE, HERE AND NOW! I KNOW YOU CAN, FUYUMI-CHAN!
YUME-SAN...
IT'S JUST LIKE...
...A HUGE BOUQUET...
.....

WELL, I..
I HAVE SOMEONE I ADMIRE VERY MUCH
.....
HE HAS THE STRENGTH TO JUST KEEP MOVING AHEAD...
...AND A KINDNESS THAT VALUES THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.
AND NO MATTER WHAT THE CHALLENGES ARE..
...HE HAS THE COURAGE TO KEEP BELIEVING IN PEOPLE.

SO YOU'RE A BAD MAGIC-USER?
HMM.
SO YOU'RE NOT TRAINING?
I GUESS. I MEAN... THAT'S WHY I DON'T THINK I CAN BECOME A PRO.
WHAT KIND...
...OF PERSON...
HUH?
WELL... IF YOU COULD DO IT, WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK YOU'D TURN INTO?
HONESTLY...
I'M CONFUSED. I'M ON THE EDGE...
.....

...MY HEART...
WITHIN...
...I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE HIM.
I'M ALWAYS THINKING THAT...
YOU ALREADY HAVE YOUR ANSWER.
THEN YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
.....
LOOK, WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
...I THOUGHT MAGIC USERS WERE LIKE BIRDS.
HEY! SIS!
HUH? WHAT? YEAH.
YO, SIS! YOU GOT ANY DOUBLE A BATTERIES?
JUST TAKE THE BATTERIES AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
AWW.. YOU CRUMPLED YOUR APPLICATION!
..WITHIN YOUR HEART.
IT'S RIGHT THERE...

Hideki...
.....
THAT'S IT! I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT. SORRY TO BUG YOU!

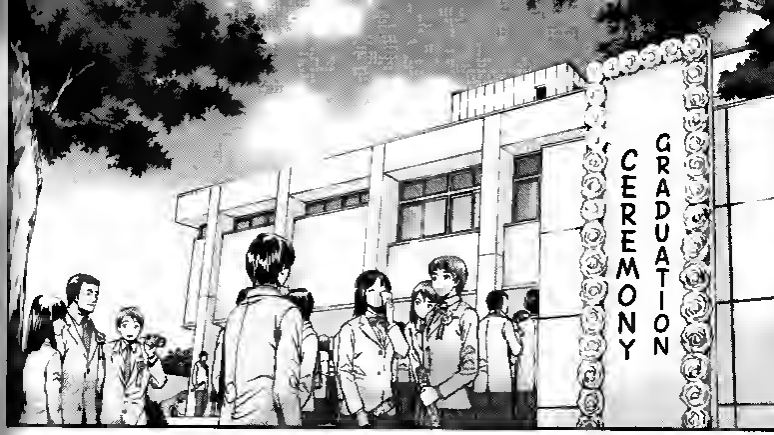
.....

I WANTED THEM WHETHER I COULD FLY OR NOT.
IT WAS NEAT. I WANTED WINGS, TOO.
YOU KNOW, REAL MYSTERIOUS, FLYING HIGH IN THE SKY ABOVE US...
BIRDS?

IT'S STILL HOW I FEEL...
AND...WELL... EVEN SEEING HOW TOUGH IT'S BEEN ON YOU LATELY...

I MEAN, WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE WHEN YOU'RE FLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME?
I THINK THEY PROBABLY JUST FORGET...
FORGET ABOUT ALL THE WORRYING... AND JUST FLY.

AND SO AS WE FINALLY DEPART...


GRADUATION CEREMONY

I JUST TALKED TO HER GRANDMA. IT TURNS OUT KAYOKO'S IN NEW YORK!
NEW YORK?!

WHAT? YOU FOUND OUT WHY SHE HASN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL IN TWO MONTHS...
UH... YEAH!

HEY, EVERYONE! I GOT SOME SUPER BIG NEWS!
CHIKA?

IT'S ABOUT KAYOKO!!!

UH... REALLY..
Without the timer...
HEY, CAN I TAKE A SHOT OF EVERYONE FIRST?
YEAH.
LET ME JUST SET THE TIMER
COME ON, EVERYONE! I WANT TO GET A GROUP SHOT!
THAT'LL BE GREAT!
Nikon
.....
MITSUAKI! STOP PUSHING!
MOVE A LITTLE CLOSER, RYUTARO-KUN.

Ouch!!
WATCH IT?
Hey!!
Watch out you fool!!
IF YOU DO, SAY IT IN JAPANESE!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM?!
STARTLE
AND CAN YOU BELIEVE SHE WANTS TO BE A DENTIST...
THAT SEEMS FITTING FOR HER SOMEHOW
.....

THE BREEZE FEELS SO GOOD.

I THINK SPRING IS ALMOST HERE.
YEAH...

.....

.....
SPRING...

...I STILL DON'T REALLY GET WHY...

OKAY, EVERYONE...

...SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME.
THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING SCHOOL...

I JUST DON'T THINK I CAN DO IT.
YEAH, BUT TO BE A PRO MAGIC USER... IT TAKES A REALLY HIGH LEVEL OF MAGIC FOR THAT.
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

ズルッ
IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?

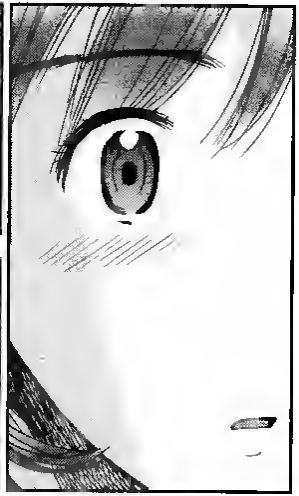
BUT... IF YOU DON'T GO, THEN YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC ANYMORE, RIGHT?
I-I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IT!

BUT YOU CAN DO IT.
...
ギュッ
IF I GO... I'LL BE AWAY FROM YOU!

I'M YOUR PROOF.
I KNOW YOU CAN.

...I DID EXACTLY THE SAME THING.
AND I SHOULD KNOW BECAUSE...
...YOU'RE KEEPING SO MUCH INSIDE...

Ryutaro-kun...



IS IT THE MAGIC TRAINING?

OSHIMA SHIPY
...THAT WAS STARING ME RIGHT IN THE FACE...
I WAS SO BUSY THROWING MYSELF AWAY...
...THAT I COULDN'T SEE THE FUTURE...

...

.....

AND THE ONE WHO CHANGED ALL OF THAT FOR ME...
...IS YOU.

MY JOB IS SET FOR NOW...
BUT... I'M NOT GONNA BE DOING THIS FOREVER.
NAMI, LISTEN...

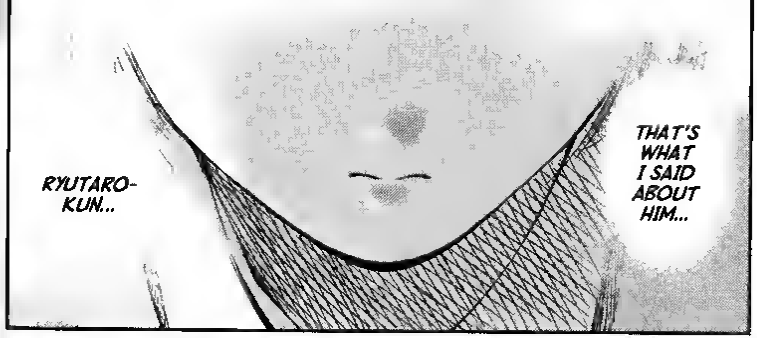
I'VE ALWAYS WORKED AROUND THE SHIPYARDS, RIGHT?
YEAH...
AND AT FIRST, IT WAS JUST FOR THE MONEY...
BUT THEN... I REALLY STARTED TO SEE THE SHIPS. THESE BIG, HUGE SHIPS LIKE THAT ONE.

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU DO?
WHAT...?

I WANT TO BUILD SHIPS.
SHIPS?!

NAMI... I ADMIRE YOU SO MUCH.
YOU MAKE ME WANT TO IMPROVE MYSELF...
AND BECOME A BETTER MAN WHO CAN MEASURE UP TO SOMEONE SO INCREDIBLE LIKE YOU.
I HAVE SOMEONE I ADMIRE VERY MUCH.

Magic can be warm and full...
THAT'S...
.. WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY, ISN'T IT?


RYUTARO-KUN...
THAT'S WHAT I SAID ABOUT HIM...

RYUTARO-KUN...
.....

And that feeling... those thoughts ...
I NEED THIS SPECIAL DELIVERY, PLEASE!
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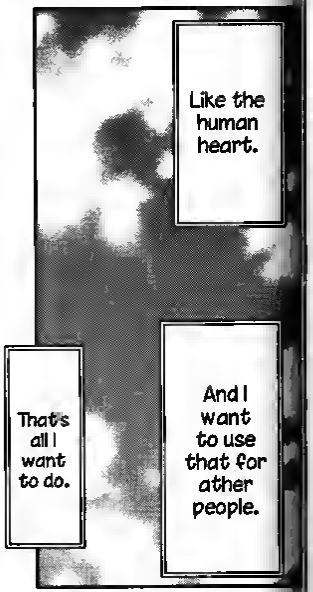
Like the human heart.
That's all I want to do.
And I want to use that for other people.

IF SOMETHING EVER HAPPENS TO YOU AGAIN...
NO MATTER WHERE I AM, I'LL COME AND SAVE YOU.
JUST KNOW...
...IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

...are the most precious things to a magic user. We are bound by magic and spells...and the dreams of the heart.
The Offices of Miura Magic
NAMI MATSUO-SAN?
I'M YOUR TRAINING INSTRUCTOR, MIURA.
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MATSUO-SAN?
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM RATHER TENSE.
S- SORRY. I GUESS I AM
AAH!
WELL, LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME.
WE HAVE A CLIENT WAITING.

YES!
SOMEDAY'S DREAMERS
SPELLBOUND
The End